

# Senate File 17

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the minimum hours of instructional school time  
2 in a school day that a school district, charter school, and  
3 accredited nonpublic school must provide for grades one  
4 through twelve and including an effective date and  
5 applicability provision.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 19, unnumbered  
1 2 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 Define the minimum school day as a day consisting of ~~five~~  
~~1 4 and one-half~~ seven hours of instructional time for grades one  
1 5 through twelve. The minimum hours shall be exclusive of the  
1 6 lunch period, but may include passing time between classes.  
1 7 Time spent on parent=teacher conferences shall be considered  
1 8 instructional time. A school or school district may record a  
1 9 day of school with less than the minimum instructional hours  
1 10 as a minimum school day if any of the following apply:

1 11 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 19, paragraph b, Code  
1 12 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 13 b. If the total hours of instructional school time for  
1 14 grades one through twelve for any five consecutive school days  
1 15 equal a minimum of ~~twenty-seven and one-half~~ thirty-five  
1 16 hours, even though any one day of school is less than the  
1 17 minimum instructional hours because of a staff development  
1 18 opportunity provided for the professional instructional staff  
1 19 or because parent=teacher conferences have been scheduled  
1 20 beyond the regular school day. Furthermore, if the total  
1 21 hours of instructional time for the first four consecutive  
1 22 days equal at least ~~twenty-seven and one-half~~ thirty-five  
1 23 hours because parent=teacher conferences have been scheduled  
1 24 beyond the regular school day, a school or school district may  
1 25 record zero hours of instructional time on the fifth  
1 26 consecutive school day as a minimum school day.

1 27 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
1 28 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
1 29 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
1 30 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
1 31 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
1 32 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
1 33 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
1 34 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be  
1 35 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
2 1 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

2 2 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY. This Act takes  
2 3 effect July 1, 2009, and applies to school years beginning on  
2 4 or after that date.

### EXPLANATION

2 6 This bill increases the hours in the minimum school day  
2 7 from five and one-half hours to seven hours, or from 27.5  
2 8 hours per week to 35 hours per week.

2 9 This bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
2 10 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any  
2 11 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
2 12 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
2 13 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
2 14 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state  
2 15 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.  
2 16 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate  
2 17 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any

2 18 state mandates included in the bill.  
2 19 The bill takes effect July 1, 2009, for the school years  
2 20 beginning on or after that date.  
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